REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AND RECORD OF ACTION

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April 6, 2004

FROM: BILL POSTMUS, First District Supervisor

Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: AB 3097 (RUNNER) - REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER'S PLACE OF

RESIDENCE RESTRICTIONS

RECOMMENDATION: Support AB 3097 (Runner) that would enact new restrictions on a registered sex offender's place of residence, and direct the County's legislative team to assist in the legislative process.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: State law currently prohibits persons placed on parole for conviction of certain sex offenses involving minors from residing with a quarter mile of any public or private school with one or more grades of kindergarten to eighth grade.

AB 3097 (Runner), if approved, would add the following provisions to the state Penal Code:

- Prohibit all registered sex offenders from residing within 10 miles of any school, childcare facility, park, playground, or other location where children are known to, or likely to, gather
- Prohibit more than one registered sex offender from residing in the same residence
- Require community input regarding group housing programs that are intended to house registered sex offenders before property is purchased for that intended purpose
- Require group housing programs for registered sex offenders that receive state funding to comply with local public safety ordinances and regulations

This bill meets the Board of Supervisors' previously stated goal to keep criminal detention facilities for sex offenders out of the County's family neighborhoods.

The Assembly Public Safety Committee is scheduled to hear this bill on Tuesday, April 13.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by Bob Page, interim Director of Legislative Affairs on March 31, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No cost to the General Fund is anticipated.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): ALL

PRESENTER: Bill Postmus, 1st District Supervisor (387-4830)

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